

**REMARKS**


Claims 1-13 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2007, the Examiner required an election as follows: the Applicant must elect a specific seed from claim 6 and a specific protective layer from claim 12, and must also identify the claims which read on the elected species.

Accordingly, Applicants elect without traverse: **millet seed** from claim 6 and **wax** from claim 12 as the required species. Claims 1 to 13 read on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

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